



# HEART TROUBLE ?

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You've got a bad ticker!

Can you  
fix it, Doc?

We can fix it. It shouldn't be a  
problem, unless there's  
complications.


Could I die?

Not right away...  
But you will die!



Everybody dies.


Was I born with this heart problem?




Everybody's born with a bad heart problem. Didn't you know?

How can this be?  
Why would you say such a thing?




A black and white comic panel showing a man with glasses and a mustache, wearing a suit and tie, speaking. He has a surprised or earnest expression. A speech bubble is positioned above him.

The Lord gives us a picture  
of what's in the human heart,  
and it's *very* real!

A hand with a dark, textured sleeve points towards a speech bubble.

What part of  
the heart?

A black and white comic panel showing two men in a room. The man on the left is wearing glasses and a suit, and the man on the right is wearing a tank top. They are both looking at each other. There are framed pictures on the wall behind them.

It's the fleshly part! These  
things slither out from time to  
time, and they're *really* nasty.

They're offensive to  
God and you've got to  
do something about it.

But, what are they?

Inside each heart is adultery"  
causing people to cheat  
on their spouses...



Gulp

...destroying families and homes.

(*augh*)... That's why I want  
Judy every time I see her.



She's my wife's best friend.

\*Adultery - Having an affair. "But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Matt. 5:28  
7th commandment - "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Ex. 20:14, Deut. 5:18

Then there's murder! It's also hatched in the heart. Ever want to kill somebody?

Maybe your boss or mother-in-law?

You idiot! ...Can't you do anything right?  
*Forget your raise!*

*Trash!*

I hate you both!

"Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." 1 John 3:15 **6th Commandment:** "Thou shalt not kill." Ex. 20:13, Deut. 5:17

Lying also lurks deep  
in the heart. Have  
you ever told a lie?

Maybe  
once or twice.

Little white lies,  
nothing big.

You're sure this car will  
take my wife to and from the  
hospital? We're desperate.

HONEST JOHN USED


SALE

cough  
cough

It's the best deal you  
ever made. Trust me.

"...All liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone..." Rev. 21:8






John, another slimy creature is called *fornication*.

What's that, Doc?

That's when unmarried people sleep together.

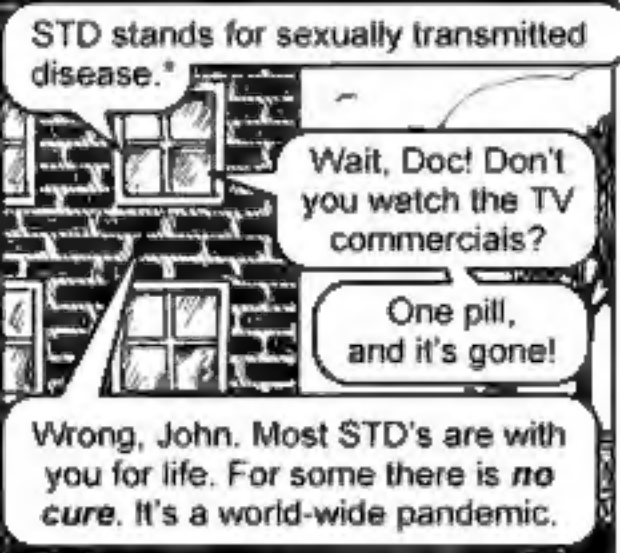


Like a "one night stand" or "shacking up." You get the idea?

Get real, Doc. All young kids do it! Even *my* boys!

Ever hear of STD?

Huh?




STD stands for sexually transmitted disease.\*

Wait, Doc! Don't you watch the TV commercials?

One pill, and it's gone!

Wrong, John. Most STD's are with you for life. For some there is *no cure*. It's a world-wide pandemic.

\*Such as genital herpes, syphilis, gonorrhea, even AIDS.



Now you're *scaring* me!

It's about time.  
Wanna hear some *other* heart problems?

I'm not sure *my* heart can take it!

Ever taken something without asking?

Who hasn't?

It's called *theft*. That little sin keeps our prisons full.

**8th commandment:** "Thou shalt not steal"  
Ex 20 15


You're killing me, Doc

I've got two more.

EXIT

*Blasphemy...*

Is that a medical term?



No! It's insulting God, like saying "Jesus is not God"

Jesus? Isn't that a swear word?

No! Jesus is *God Almighty*, and He's the *only* way you're going to get into Heaven \*

\*Note: There are only two right ways to use the Lord's name when you pray to Him or talk about Him. Anything else is taking the Lord's name in vain. See Ex. 20:7

Last but not least, evil thoughts!  
These lie smoldering in our hearts

With me, that's  
*no* problem!

But it's those  
*sickos* out there.

They should be slaughtered!

Calm down John! See how  
easy it is to get evil thoughts?

Wow, you made  
your point

Do you expect God to let you into  
heaven with a heart like that?

God is holy. He will not allow  
any wicked thing into Heaven!

Do you  
know what He  
says about your  
heart?

What?  
Tell me!

...the heart is deceitful above all  
things and desperately wicked,  
who will hate that which he loves.  
Jer 17:9



Everyone comes into the  
world with a heart like this.

That's horrible! How did we get hearts like that?



When Adam and Eve disobeyed God everything changed especially our hearts and that got passed down to us \*

\*Rom 1:21-5:12

Then it's hopeless! We're doomed! There's no way we could ever get into heaven!



I'll let you in on a little secret

God doesn't want *anyone* to perish and go to hell.\* But we can't possibly make our hearts clean enough\*\*

I can get you one

Man. I need a new heart

A new heart? Is it expensive?

Getting it cost someone His *life*.

I forgot about that but *whose* life?

The Lord Jesus

\*See 2 Peter 3:9

\*\*Proverbs 20:9



God sent His Son from heaven to change our wicked hearts.

He took a human body. He was given a heart, and it was without sin.



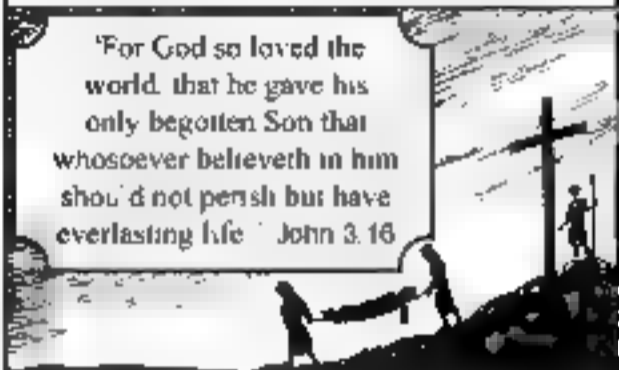
Here was God in the flesh. He came to die for you.

That's awesome!

... great is the mystery of God's grace. God was manifest in the flesh. 1 Tim 3:16

He was sacrificed and shed His precious blood to wash away our sins. He died and was buried.

'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' John 3:16

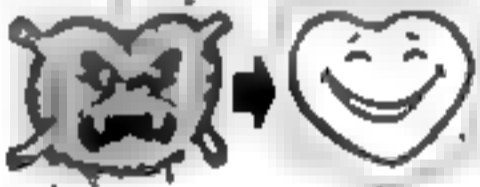


Three days later He arose from the dead. This was the price for a new heart.

How do I get a new heart?  
Do I need surgery?

No! You need Jesus!

If you believe that Jesus died for your sins " admit to God that you're a sinner " and receive Jesus as your Lord and Saviour "



A miracle will happen Jesus will come into your heart making you a new creature "

**You will be born again.**

What happens if I don't?




Then at death, you'll instantly be taken to hell. You will **die** in your sins. See John 3:18

Jesus said "I am the way the truth and the life no man cometh unto the Father but by me"


No other way?

**Absolutely not!** Jesus said it and He is God almighty! Would God lie to you?

A black and white illustration of a man's face in a window, looking out at a brick wall. A large speech bubble originates from the window. To the right, there is a large, leafy bush.

I know God doesn't lie,  
but I *like* my lifestyle.  
Can't I wait until I'm old?

But what if your  
heart stops *tonight*?

A black and white illustration of a man with a shocked expression, wide eyes, and an open mouth. He has his hands raised in front of him. A thought bubble above him shows a man screaming with his hands to his face. A speech bubble from the man on the right says "Right!".

Then I'm a dead  
duck... right?

Right!

God is dealing with you right now. John, if you reject Him today you may *never* get another chance.



You sold me, Doc.

I'm ready, but I've never prayed before. What do I do?



Just talk to God in your own words. You'll know what to say.



God... You know my life's a mess. I believe Jesus died for me.

Please let Him clean up my dirty heart. Okay God?

Did God hear that?

2 Cor. 6:2 "...Behold, now is the day of salvation."

Yes... God heard!

**WOW!** My X-rays may not have changed, but *I really feel different.*

*I know* He forgave me!  
I feel so clean.

Only Jesus Christ can do that!

## Need a transplant?



Heaven or Hell

**THE CHOICE IS YOURS**

"...believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..." Acts 16:31

## THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

### **NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!**

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

### **WHAT TO PRAY**

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

*If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:*

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

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